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NEWBOLD & DUNSTON

Urban District Council.

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*Medical Officer's Annual Report for 1895.*

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CHESTERFIELD,

JANUARY, 1896.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and General Sanitary Condition of your District, during the year 1895.

**BIRTHS.**—233 were registered as having taken place in your District, giving an annual birth rate of 43·3 per thousand of the population.

In 1894 the birth rate was 41·4, and in 1893, 44·9. The average birth rate for the past 5 years is 42·50 per thousand.

**DEATHS.**—125 were registered, giving an annual death rate of 23 per thousand of the population.

In 1894 the death rate was 17·9 and in 1893, 24·31, the latter was the small pox and influenza year.

The averaged death rate for the past 5 years is 21·35.

Of the 125 deaths you will see by Table A, 40 were of infants under 1 year old, giving an infant mortality of 170·39 per thousand births registered. 62 deaths were of children under 5 years of age.

In the absence of any severe epidemic, this child death rate is very high.

Under heading 31 Table A, 31 deaths of children under 5 years, are returned as due to "All other causes," it is here that the great waste of infant life has taken place. Children dying from diseases, the majority of which are caused by neglect and improper management, and over which your Health Officers can have no control.

Three cases of suicide, and 5 deaths caused by accident, help to raise the death rate.

**SICKNESS.**—Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889. Under this Act 27 cases were notified by the medical practitioners of the district, viz. : Scarlatina 21, Typhoid Fever 4, Erysipelas 3. The accounts due for notification have been certified by me, and sent in to the clerk to the District Council each quarter.

I may here mention that the medical practitioners do not always notify a case of infectious disease as soon as it is required by the Act to do so. And it has frequently been the case, that when your Health Officers have visited a house in which infectious disease was notified, the patient has been found running about, and even gone to School.

The outbreak of Scarlatina was of a very mild character, and no death was caused by it. Of the 4 cases of Typhoid Fever, 2 contracted the disease outside your district, 1 died.

Measles and its complications account for 5 deaths, Whooping Cough also 5.

Two matters of importance have been brought under your notice during the year. First, joint action with the Chesterfield Urban District Council, and the Whittington Urban District Council in providing an Isolation Hospital ; and secondly, the adoption of new bye-laws. These matters are now receiving your attention.

The usual inspections of the district have been made by me, and by your Inspector. 190 nuisances or sanitary defects were pointed out, and steps taken to have such nuisance abated, and sanitary defects made good. This does not show the actual work done by the Inspector, who, in almost all of these cases has been obliged to pay several visits, to landlord, agents, and premises, before his suggestions were carried out.

It was not found necessary to take legal proceedings in any of these cases.

Although there was a great scarcity of water during the latter part of the year, I have not noticed any disease caused by the use of impure water.


Copies of this report, together with Tables A and B, have been sent to the Local Government Board, and to the County Council of Derbyshire.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

**W. SANDHAM SYMES,**

*Medical Officer of Health.*



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# Extract from Table (A) of Deaths

CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO DISEASES & AGES.

Mortality from all causes at subjoined ages :						
At all ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.
125	40	22	4	4	34	21
DISEASES.				Under 5 Years.	5 Years and Upwards.	TOTAL.
Typhoid	...	...	...	0	1	1
Measles	...	...	...	5	1	6
Whooping Cough	...	...	..	5	0	5
Diarrhœa	.	...	..	11	1	12
Phthisis	...	..	...	0	3	3
Bronchitis, Pleurisy & Pneumonia				10	15	25
Heart Disease	...	...	.	0	11	11
Injuries	...	...	...	0	4	4
Suicide	..	...	...	0	3	3
All other causes	...	...	..	31	24	55
Totals	...	...	...	62	63	125

